

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Patent Application of

Takahiro FUKUHARA et al.

Application No.: 09/919,925

Filed: *August 2, 2001*

For: IMAGE CODING DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF AND IMAGE DECODING  
DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF

Examiner: *Duy M. Dang*

Art Unit: 2621

Conf. No. 3992

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on September 23, 2004,  
requiring an election of invention, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on  
page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Applicant(s): Takahiro Fukuhara				
Invention: IMAGE CODING DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF AND IMAGE DECODING DEVICE AND METHOD THEREOF				

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